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## Idaho Milk Production up 2.3 Percent

Idaho milk production during September 2012 totaled 1.14 billion pounds, a 2.3 percent increase from the same month last year, but a 4.8 percent decrease from August 2012. August 2012 milk production was revised to 1.20 billion pounds, up 22 million pounds. Average milk production per cow in September 2012 was 1,970 pounds, up 50 pounds from last year's level. The average number of milk cows during September was 580,000 head, down 2,000 head from September 2011.

Milk production in the 23 major States during September totaled 14.7 billion pounds, down 0.5 percent from September 2011. August revised production at 15.3 billion pounds, was down slightly from August 2011. The August revision represented an increase of 26 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,732 pounds for September, 10 pounds below September 2011. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 5,000 head more than September 2011, but 24,000 head less than August 2012.

## Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, September 2011-2012

State	Milk Cows <sup>1/</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2/</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2/</sup>		Change From 2011
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	189	181	1,765	1,745	334	316	-5.4
California	1,776	1,779	1,865	1,790	3,312	3,184	-3.9
Colorado	130	135	1,930	1,955	251	264	5.2
Florida	119	122	1,300	1,310	155	160	3.2
Idaho	582	580	1,920	1,970	1,117	1,143	2.3
Illinois	98	100	1,520	1,490	149	149	-
Indiana	173	173	1,640	1,650	284	285	0.4
Iowa	198	200	1,750	1,730	347	346	-0.3
Kansas	123	126	1,705	1,740	210	219	4.3
Michigan	367	374	1,870	1,885	686	705	2.8
Minnesota	466	465	1,520	1,535	708	714	0.8
Missouri	95	93	1,110	1,110	105	103	-1.9
New Mexico	331	326	2,020	1,960	669	639	-4.5
New York	610	610	1,700	1,740	1,037	1,061	2.3
Ohio	268	270	1,550	1,570	415	424	2.2
Oregon	122	123	1,680	1,665	205	205	-
Pennsylvania	537	533	1,590	1,560	854	831	-2.7
Texas	435	433	1,780	1,705	774	738	-4.7
Utah	88	88	1,760	1,760	155	155	-
Vermont	134	133	1,515	1,550	203	206	1.5
Virginia	96	95	1,405	1,390	135	132	-2.2
Washington	265	261	1,945	1,935	515	505	-1.9
Wisconsin	1,264	1,271	1,680	1,720	2,124	2,186	2.9
23 State Total	8,466	8,471	1,742	1,732	14,744	14,670	-0.5

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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## Idaho September Red Meat Production up 6 Percent from Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for September 2012 totaled 3.5 million pounds, up 6 percent from September of last year. Accumulated red meat production for the January-September 2012 period totaled 31.4 million pounds, down 62 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.95 billion pounds in September, down 6 percent from the 4.19 billion pounds produced in September 2011. Beef production, at 2.02 billion pounds, was 9 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.54 million head, down 12 percent from September 2011. The average live weight was up 33 pounds from the previous year, at 1,311 pounds. Veal production totaled 8.8 million pounds, 17 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 64,300 head, down 13 percent from September 2011. The average live weight was down 17 pounds from last year, at 235 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.91 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.45 million head, down 2 percent from September 2011. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 271 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 12.5 million pounds, was up 6 percent from September 2011. Sheep slaughter totaled 174,300 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 145 pounds, up 11 pounds from September a year ago. January to September 2012 commercial red meat production was 36.6 billion pounds, up slightly from 2011. Accumulated beef production was down 2 percent from last year, veal was down 10 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 4 percent.

### Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States <sup>1/</sup>

State	September 2011	August 2012	September 2012	September 2012 As Percent of 2011 <sup>2/</sup>
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
California	142.1	147.4	133.3	94
Colorado	187.0	204.9	167.7	90
Idaho	3.3	3.7	3.5	106
Illinois	239.3	263.0	245.4	103
Iowa	563.7	574.8	555.4	99
Kansas	442.8	487.3	404.6	91
Minnesota	243.0	239.3	230.9	95
Montana	1.1	1.4	1.1	97
Nebraska	615.7	667.2	587.8	95
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	98
Oklahoma	101.1	95.3	88.8	88
Oregon	5.9	6.5	6.0	101
South Dakota	89.3	85.8	91.1	102
Texas	430.3	461.2	381.5	89
Utah	39.4	43.3	38.6	98
Washington	73.0	81.2	69.5	95
Wyoming	0.5	0.8	0.4	82
United States	4,192.1	4,389.7	3,948.4	94

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

### Commercial Red Meat Production: United States <sup>1/</sup>

Type	September 2011	August 2012	September 2012	September 2012 as % of	
				September 2011	August 2012
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,215.2	2,367.5	2,016.0	91	85
Veal	10.7	10.1	8.8	83	87
Pork	1,954.4	1,997.9	1,911.0	98	96
Lamb & Mutton	11.8	14.2	12.5	106	88
Total Red Meat <sup>2/</sup>	4,192.1	4,389.7	3,948.4	94	90

1 Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2 Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding.

## Idaho Cattle on Feed Up 5 Percent from Previous Year

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on October 1, 2012 totaled 230,000 head, up 5 percent from the previous year. The cattle on feed inventory is up 12 percent from September 1, 2012. The October 1 cattle on feed inventory was made up of 137,000 steers and steer calves, 89,000 heifers and heifer calves, and 4,000 cows and bulls. Placements of cattle in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during September totaled 61,000 head, down 9 percent from September 2011 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during September totaled 35,000 head, down 6,000 head from last year. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 head during September.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.0 million head on October 1, 2012. The inventory was 3 percent below October 1, 2011. The inventory included 6.96 million steers and steer calves, up slightly from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.97 million head, down 8 percent from 2011. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.00 million, 19 percent below 2011. This is the lowest cattle placements for the month of September since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.94 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 515,000, 600-699 pounds were 355,000, 700-799 pounds were 444,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 690,000. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.60 million, 12 percent below 2011. This is the second lowest cattle marketings for the month of September since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 64,000 during September, 14 percent below 2011.

### Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000 + Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States 2010-2011 <sup>1/</sup>

State	October 1, 2011	September 1, 2012	October 1, 2012		
			Number	As % of 2011	As % of September
	1,000 Head			Percent	
	280	271	272	97	100
	490	480	475	97	99
	1,070	930	1,000	93	108
	220	205	230	105	112
	550	590	590	107	100
	2,320	2,180	2,230	96	102
	2,210	2,240	2,330	105	104
	370	325	335	91	103
	205	185	195	95	105
	2,940	2,620	2,680	91	102
	208	208	213	102	102
	419	413	439	105	106
	11,282	10,647	10,989	97	103

<sup>1/</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

### Cold Storage Stocks

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on September 30, 2012, totaled 871 million pounds, an increase of 10 percent from August 31, 2012 and up 2 percent from September 30, 2011. Other frozen potatoes, at 228 million pounds, increased 5 percent from August 31, 2012, and up 13 percent from September 30, 2011.

United States' stocks of butter on September 30, 2012, totaled 195 million pounds, down 3 percent from the end of the previous month, but up 29 percent from September 30, 2011. Stocks of American cheese totaled 608 million pounds, down 1 percent from August 31, 2012, and down 5 percent from September 30, 2011.

Commodity	Sept. 30, 2011	Aug. 31, 2012	Sept. 30, 2012	2012 2011
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
POTATOES				
French Fries	855,893	794,929	871,055	102
Other Frozen	201,222	216,734	227,750	113
Total	1,057,115	1,011,663	1,098,805	104
DAIRY				
Butter, Total	150,979	201,135	195,428	129
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	639,175	614,111	608,427	95

## Idaho Dry Bean Production Up

Idaho dry bean production for 2012 is forecast to be 3.02 million cwt, up 61 percent from last year's 1.88 million cwt. If realized, this would be the largest dry bean crop in Idaho since 1990. Yields are expected to average 2,100 pounds per acre, an increase of 100 pounds per acre from 2011 and up 200 pounds per acre from the August forecast. Harvested acreage is expected to total 144,000 acres, up 53 percent from last year's 94,000 acres harvested. Dry Bean estimates include garbanzo beans, which are grown primarily in North Idaho. Production of alfalfa hay is estimated at 4.00 million tons, down 7 percent from 2011. Harvested acreage, at 1.00 million acres, is the same as last year. Other hay production is estimated at 874,000 tons from 380,000 harvested acres, up from 770,000 tons from 350,000 harvested acres in 2011. Idaho sugarbeet production for 2012 is forecast to be 6.44 million tons, up 6 percent from the 6.05 million tons a year ago. Yield of 35.4 tons per acre is up from last year's 34.4 tons per acre and is a record high. Harvested area of 182,000 acres is up from the 176,000 acres harvested in 2011. Corn planted for 2012 is estimated at 360,000 acres, up from 350,000 acres the previous year and a new record high for Idaho. Of the 360,000 acres planted, 120,000 acres are expected to be harvested for grain, unchanged from last year. Production of canola is expected to total 85.1 million pounds, up 119 percent from last year. Harvested acreage, at 37,000 acres, is up from last year's 18,500 acres.

U.S. dry edible bean production is forecast at 31.0 million cwt for 2012, up 56 percent from last year. Planted area is estimated at 1.73 million acres, up 44 percent from the previous year. Harvested area is forecast at 1.69 million acres, up 46 percent from the previous year. The average United States yield is forecast at 1,836 pounds per acre, an increase of 120 pounds from 2011. Production of alfalfa hay is forecast at 55.6 million tons, up 1 percent from the August forecast, but down 15 percent from last year. Other hay production is forecast at 66.4 million tons, up 1 percent from the August forecast and last year. U.S. sugarbeet production for the 2012 crop year is forecast at 35.6 million tons, up slightly from the September 1 forecast and up 23 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.22 million acres, up slightly from the previous forecast. Expected yield is forecast at 29.3 tons per acre, unchanged from the previous forecast but 5.5 tons higher than last year. The first canola production forecast for 2012 is 2.48 billion pounds, up 62 percent from 2011. U.S. corn production is forecast at 10.7 billion bushels, down slightly from the September forecast and down 13 percent from the 2011 production estimate.

### Selected Crops: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Idaho & U.S. 2011-2012

	Area Harvested		Unit	Yield		Production	
	2011	2012		2011	2012	2011	2012
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>					<i>Thousands</i>	
<b>IDAHO</b>							
Alfalfa Hay	1,000.0	1,000.0	<i>Tons</i>	4.30	4.00	4,300	4,000
Other Hay	350.0	380.0	<i>Tons</i>	2.20	2.30	770	874
Sugarbeets	176.0	182.0	<i>Tons</i>	34.4	35.4	6,054	6,443
Canola	18.5	37.0	<i>Pounds</i>	2,100	2,300	38,850	85,100
Dry Beans <sup>1/ 2/</sup>	94.0	144.0	<i>Pounds</i>	2,000	2,100	1,880	3,024
<b>UNITED STATES</b>							
Alfalfa Hay	19,213.0	18,812.0	<i>Tons</i>	3.40	2.95	65,332	55,566
Other Hay	36,420.0	38,762.0	<i>Tons</i>	1.81	1.71	65,812	66,408
Sugarbeets	1,213.1	1,215.5	<i>Tons</i>	23.8	29.3	28,828	35,597
Canola	1,043.0	1,737.6	<i>Pounds</i>	1,475	1,430	1,538,010	2,484,050
Dry Beans <sup>1/ 2/</sup>	1,155.9	1,690.0	<i>Pounds</i>	1,716	1,836	19,833	31,033

1/ Yield in pounds, production in cwt. 2/ Excludes beans grown for garden seed; includes chickpeas.